

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 1, 4-11, 13-20 and 22-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) and 103(a) over various cited art. Claims 2, 3, 12, and 21 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 is amended herein to incorporate the limitations of objected to claim 2. Claim 11 is amended herein to incorporate the limitations of objected to claim 12. Claim 20 is amended herein to incorporate the limitations of objected to claim 21. Thus, claims 1, 11, and 20 are allowable. All other pending claims depend from one of claims 1, 11, and 20. Claims 2, 12, and 21 are cancelled. Claim 3 is amended so that it depends from claim 1.

All claims are now allowable and a notice of allowance is courteously solicited. Please direct any questions or comments to the undersigned attorney at the address indicated.

Respectfully submitted,

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